

**Mr. Trevor Gardner
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Dear Trev:

In further response to your letter of 16 March, I should like to reaffirm our interest in your proposal which we discussed last January. I might hasten to say that our interest is primarily in the basic idea which you present and that a final commitment on our part would depend upon a mutual resolution of the organization and methods by which the study group would undertake to assist us. I am sure you are aware that we have the services of a scientific advisory group under the auspices of Din Land. I have discussed your proposal with Din and I am sure that the type of effort which you propose and the personnel you have in mind for the membership of the scientific consulting group could and should be compatible with the assistance we receive from the Land group.

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As we discussed last January, I should like to reiterate my personal wish that you, yourself, could in fact devote a considerable measure of your time to this activity and serve as chairman, or at

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least the focal point for the scientific consulting group which you have named. There are other details which we can discuss, such as the possibility of an eastern and a western division of your study group, and the possibility of expanding slightly your scientific consultants to include perhaps one or two top level people in fields other than the physical sciences.

I should be quite interested in your reactions to my suggestions, either by letter or in person at your earliest convenience. While my plans for the immediate future are , as usual, highly uncertain, it is possible I may be on the West Coast some time within the next month. Should you chance to be in Washington in the meanwhile, I would welcome the opportunity to see you again and discuss your proposal.

Sincerely,

RICHARD M. BISSELL, JR.